

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:00 AM

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.
Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.
County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.
Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-282) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 10, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	275	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 7, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	276	To recess the open session for a period of 5 minutes and to reconvene at 12:27 PM
Motion 20	277	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the County Appraiser under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 12:15 PM
Motion 20	278	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,506.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	279	To approve the proposal from Southeast Kansas Education Center-Greenbush for the Administrative and Financial Administration for the Crawford County SPARK funding
Motion 20	280	To approve having Commissioner Johnson, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle serve on the SEK Recycling

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		Center Joint City/County Committee
Motion 20	281	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship for potential litigation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 1:35 PM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Health Department Director Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners along with County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean via Google Meet with a COVID-19 update. Dr. Stebbins stated the per the KDHE website as of yesterday Crawford County had 316 cases, Cherokee County had 54 cases and Bourbon County had 43 cases. He stated that at Ascension Via Christi there are 5 positive cases and 7 persons under investigation, 4 cases in ICU with 2 ventilated and Girard Medical Center has no positive cases and no persons under investigation. He explained that the trend is 5 cases daily over the last week, 3 to 4 cases the week before and before that there were spikes due to the cluster outbreaks. Dr. Stebbins explained that the County has moved out of the cluster area and is now in community spread. He said that he and Dr. Bean are working with PSU on the re-opening plan and bringing students back to school. He spoke about meeting with local superintendents to discuss the schools re-opening plans. He also discussed working with the local nursing homes on re-opening plans. He discussed the county doing their own contact tracing, the job openings for the contracted epi nurses and the job duties of the epi nurses that are employed by the Health Department. Dr. Stebbins stated that he is still encouraging masks in the community and in businesses and other areas where social distancing is not possible, social distancing and hand sanitizer. Commissioner Blair addressed the lag in testing time for results and Dr. Stebbins and Dr. Bean explained the delays. Commissioner Blair expressed concerns with an individual that tested positive and was not notified of his results. Ms. Adamson explained how the health department is notified of test results from private providers. There was a discussion on the importance of getting results back as soon as possible and the challenges encountered in receiving results and notifying individuals of those results. Ms. Adamson presented the Commissioners with the job descriptions for the positions of epi nurses, LPN, nurse practitioner and County Health Officer. She explained that County Health Officer is under state statute and a copy of the statute is included. She went through the job descriptions with the Commissioners. She discussed the positions that were advertised and stated she had a few applications for each position and she will go through the applications with Mr. Ehling. There was a discussion on the schools and having an epi nurse assigned to each school district. Ms. Adamson presented a rough draft of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Regency Inn for their review.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

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Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that today is the deadline to register to vote or to make a change of address for the Primary Election. He also stated that tomorrow early voting will begin in the County Clerk's office and advance ballots will be mailed out.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street in Katie Addition to the Town of Dunkirk with a Public Hearing set for August 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Emerson showed a map of the area and explained where the requested street to be vacated is located. He explained that the same landowner owns both sides of the street to be vacated.

On motion (20-283) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street in Katie Addition to the Town of Dunkirk with a Public Hearing set for August 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson discussed the 2021 County Budget and Mr. Pyle stated that he should have the first draft ready on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with an updated list of the Crawford County Recovery Task Force Members he received from Mr. Shawn Naccarato PSU Chief Strategy Officer. He stated that he also received an email from Mr. Naccarato requesting an endorsement and recognition of the Crawford County Recovery Task Force as a formal advisory group to the Commission to aid, support and advise through the pandemic. The Commissioners discussed the SPARK funding and the task force's preliminary bucket outline of how the funding can be spent to help the different needs in the community. Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Greenbush stated that this outline is a good starting point. He pointed out that in the end it is all the Commissioner's decision. Mr. Ehling spoke about the impact on students going back to school in a different situation and atmosphere than they have had to deal with before.

On motion (20-284) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the recognition of the Crawford County Recovery Task Force as a formal advisory group to aid, support and advise the Crawford County Commission through the pandemic and the CARES Act funding distribution.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners decided to review the task force's preliminary "bucket" outline for distribution of the SPARK CARES Act Funds and readdress this on Friday.

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Item Two: Commissioner Moody addressed the CDBG-CV Committee and expressed his concerns with no responses for interest in the Committee. Mr. Pyle will reach out to the City Clerk's again with the exception of Pittsburg and Girard to see if they have any suggestions for committee members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 17, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut to discuss antennas for the 911 Communication Towers.

Item Two: July 17, 2020 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from SEK Education Center-Greenbush.

Item Three: July 24, 2020 – 8:00 AM Work Session with County Health Director Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean and local school superintendents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [July 14, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:25 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 7/14/2020 11:25 AM/amended BKW 7/16/2020 1:00 PM